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PRESENTATION FORM FOR GRAPHIC MATERIAL

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Thailand

APPROXIMATED - CIP-172435-172442

SUBJECT

Terrain Descriptions in Thailand

NUMBER OF ITEMS AND CATEGORY (Still photographs, negatives, or slides) 12 still photographs

DATE OF EXPOSURE Indicated below in "Description of Material"

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BRIEF SOURCE DESCRIPTION

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IS SOURCE APT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL AVAILABLE? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MAY SOURCE'S NAME BE REVEALED TO GRAPHICS REGISTER, OCD, IF REQUIRED? ☒ Yes ☐ No

DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL

The numbers of the items below are to be found on the backs of the photographs. Co-ordinates and names taken from "Thailand" volumes of the NIS Gazetteer. Seasonal descriptions are those of the Northern Hemisphere.

1. Terrain near the town of Lop Buri (14° 48' N - 100° 37' E). This photograph was taken South of the town and looking West. Rice paddy in foreground, limestone hill in the background. Terrain is characteristic of the so-called "central plain". Limestone hills are common throughout the country. The photograph was taken in the Autumn of 1951.

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2. Rice paddy terrain near the town of Sara Buri (14° 32' N - 100° 55' E). This photograph was taken looking approximately North and West. The terrain is characteristic of the area. [REDACTED] could not recall the direction from the town. The photograph was taken in the Autumn of 1951.

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3. Rice paddy terrain near the town of Sara Buri (14° 32' N - 100° 55' E). This photograph was taken looking approximately West and from near the location of Photograph Number 2 above. [REDACTED] could not recall the direction from the town. The photograph was taken in the Autumn of 1951.

4. Terrain near Mae Faek (Collector's Note: This is source's spelling. The NIS Gazetteer does not contain this name, or one like it.) Mae Faek, is, however, in the province of Chiang Mai (18° 45' N - 99° 00' E) and is about five

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to ten miles North of the Mae Cho (Collector's Note: This is [REDACTED] spelling The NIS Gazetteer does not contain this name, or one like it which might fit the location.) Agricultural Experiment Station. This in turn is about twelve to fifteen miles North of the city of Chiang Mai (18° 47' N - 98° 59' E). This photograph was made looking North and East and was taken in the Autumn of 1951. This type of terrain is characteristic of the area: small valleys ringed by hills. Opium is grown in the hills of the area, including those in the photograph.

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5. Harbor of Ban Si Racha (13° 10' N - 100° 56' E). This photograph was taken in the Autumn of 1951 and was taken looking South to the village of Ban Si Racha. [REDACTED] was unable to give much information on the natural features of this harbor, and had little to offer concerning effect of siltage, harbor capacity, location of buoys, channels, and so on. Source did state, however, that the tide was about ten feet, that the harbor is shallow, and that the tide has considerable effect. [REDACTED] not recall whether this photograph was taken at high, medium, or low water. The small island at the right of the photograph is actually located between the peninsula in the background and the viewer. It is connected to the mainland by a jetty. The function of the island is to serve as a loading point for lighters. The lighters then transfer their cargo to ships at a point off the photograph to the right. The principal cargo is lumber from a lumber company on the mainland. This company
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owns and maintains the jetty, which is made of wooden pilings and has two railroad tracks on top of it.

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6. Bridge construction in progress near Mukdahan (16° 32' N - 104° 43' E). This bridge is built entirely of wood and is typical, [REDACTED] did not know the kind of wood employed. Vegetation in the background is typical of this part of Thailand. This bridge is located on the main road and was to replace one washed out by the flooding river. This bridge is being built by the Thai government Department of Highways. This photograph was taken in August, 1951. The river is a tributary of the Mekong River (10° 33' N - 105° 24' E).

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7. This photograph shows the valley in which the city of Chiang Mai (18° 47' N - 98° 59' E) is located. It was taken from Doi Suthep (Collector's Note: This is [REDACTED]'s spelling. This mountain is not listed in the NIS Gazetteer). The photograph was taken looking East and was taken in the Summer of 1952.

8. Air view South and a little East of the city of Chiang Mai (18° 47' N - 98° 59' E) on the normal commercial airline route to Bangkok (13° 45' N - 100° 31' E). The photograph was taken looking North and West (looking towards the city of Chiang Mai) and was taken in December, 1952, Or January, 1953.

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9. This photograph, which was taken in August, 1951, shows a section of the main road from Muang Khon Kaen (16° 29' N - 102° 39' E) through Maha Sarakham (16° 10' N - 103° 28' E) to Muang Roi Et (16° 03' N - 103° 40' E). This photograph was taken looking West at a point about thirty-eight to fifty miles beyond Maha Sarakham (16° 10' N - 103° 28' E) in the direction of Muang Roi Et (16° 03' N - 103° 40' E).
10. This photograph, which was taken in August, 1951, shows a view of a flood-control project near Nam Phong (16° 45' N - 102° 46' E), which in turn is not far from Maha Sarakham (16° 10' N - 103° 28' E). The men are standing on the dike; a road crosses the dike in the background. The terrain is typical of this part of the country, which varies from flat to rolling.
11. Photograph taken during the Winter of 1952-1953 and showing the North end of the airstrip of the airport of the city of Chiang Mai (18° 47' N - 98° 59' E). The photograph was taken looking West. This airstrip is the only one which the airport possesses. The plane in the background is a commercial plane making regular flights between the cities of Chiang Mai (18° 47' N - 98° 59' E) and Bangkok (13° 45' N - 100° 31' E).
12. Air view looking East in the neighborhood of Ban Pak Nam Pho (15° 42' N - 100° 08' E), which is to the lower left out of the picture. The plane from

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which this photograph was taken was on a regular commercial flight from the city of Chiang Mai (18° 47' N - 98° 59' E) to Bangkok (13° 45' N - 100° 31' E). The photograph shows a view of the fisheries reserve of Bung Boriphet (Collector's Note: This is [REDACTED] spelling. This location is not listed in the NIS Gazetter). The main dam is in the foreground; minor dams are to the left, near the railroad line. The rail line is single-tracked. Some of the islands in the artificial lake are floating islands of vegetation. The water level was fairly low at the time this photograph was taken. High water is in early October; this photograph was taken in November, 1951. The water level is controlled by a series of gates, one of which is visible in the main dam. Since this whole area is very swampy, the fisheries reserve is not in the main river flow, but is slightly to the East of the main river channel. Consequently, the dams and watergates can have little effect on the river level either downstream or upstream from them. If the reserves were full and if all of the watergates were opened at once the downstream river level would rise. However, the effect of this rise would be slight and would be of short duration.

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